

TESTING AND EXAMINATIONS

Undergraduate Admission Testing

American College Testing (ACT) National Test

The ACT National Test is an undergraduate admission test used by institutions in Utah, as well as by schools in much of the western half of the United States. The ACT National Test given at USU is the same test that is offered through many high schools. It is limited to five Saturday test dates each year—October, December, February, April, and June. Students must register by mail through the test company approximately five weeks in advance. Scores will be mailed approximately four weeks after the test date. Registration packets are available at USU Testing Services (University Inn 115) or at any high school counselor's office. The ACT National Test gives scores that are valid nationwide at any college or university that accepts the ACT.

American College Testing (ACT) Residual Test

The ACT Residual Test is for those students who either did not take the ACT National Test or who need ACT scores before scores can be provided from the next ACT National Test. The ACT Residual Test gives scores that are valid *only at the college or university where the test is actually taken*. Those who take the ACT Residual Test at USU should be aware that these scores cannot be sent, taken, or used anywhere except at USU and for its various programs. The ACT Residual Test is administered once each week (except during October), and scores are usually available immediately after the test. This test can be taken no more than once in a 60-day period. This retest restriction applies for ACT Residual testing at USU, as well as Residual testing at any other college or university. Students should call (435) 797-1004 to make an appointment to take this test.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

The SAT is an undergraduate admission test used widely in California and in the eastern part of the United States. It is administered on Saturdays seven times yearly, with registration deadlines five weeks in advance. Scores will be mailed approximately three weeks after the test. Because Utah schools and many schools in the West look first for ACT scores, there is not a large demand for the SAT in this area. Registration materials are available at USU Testing Services (University Inn 115), but this test is not administered at USU. The closest available test site for the SAT is at Weber State University in Ogden.

Test of General Educational Development (GED)

The GED is a high school equivalency exam required by USU and many higher educational institutions when a candidate for admission does not have a high school diploma. More than seven hours in length, this test is administered each Monday morning, by appointment. In Utah, GED examinees must be at least 17 years old in order to take this test. Those 17 or 18 years old whose high school class has not yet graduated must meet certain additional requirements in order to take the GED. Contact USU Testing Services (435) 797-1004 for details or to schedule an appointment.

CLEP, AP, and Placement Tests

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

The CLEP examinations were designed for students who wish to utilize previous knowledge and experience in lieu of required coursework. CLEP is a national program of credit-by-examination, allowing students to obtain recognition for college-level achievement. This privilege is intended to measure information and training gained from practical experience that may be considered the equivalent of the experience and training received by students in an organized course given at the University.

Credits may be acquired through the CLEP examinations. These credits may be used to fill General Education Requirements, and may also be accepted as equivalent to specific courses. AP and CLEP credit combined may fulfill requirements for a maximum of four Breadth areas of General Education.

Individual departments and/or colleges may specify the exact courses required to fill their requirements and may require more than the minimum General Education requirements. Some departments and colleges require specific coursework for General Education, which the CLEP exams may not satisfy.

If, prior to taking a CLEP examination, a student has received credit (including AP credit) for any coursework equivalent to the subject matter of a CLEP examination, the credits earned from the course will be deducted from the earned CLEP credits.

Other institutions have policies differing from those of USU regarding CLEP scores and credits granted for those scores. For transfer students, CLEP credit posted to another institution's transcript is reevaluated based on USU's standard.

CLEP Tests Taken Prior to Fall 2001

In Fall 2001, CLEP began using computer-based testing. The results of the computer-based tests are somewhat different for most of the exams. For historical data on how credits were accepted prior to Fall 2001, see an earlier version

of the *Advisor Handbook*, or contact the Office of Advising and Transition Services at 797-9303.

University Studies Designations

See page 81.

CLEP Examinations Credit Allocation Table (for tests taken Fall 2001 or later)

CLEP Examination	Minimum Test Score	USU Equivalent	USU Credits Granted
American Government	60	(BAI)	3
American Literature	50	Engl 2160	3
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	52	Engl 1030 (BHU)	3
Biology	50	Biol 1010 (BLS)	3
Calculus			0
Chemistry	60	Chem 1010 (BPS)	3
College Algebra			0
College Algebra - Trigonometry			0
College Mathematics			0
English Composition	50	Engl 1010 (CL)	3
English Literature	50	Engl 2140	3
French Language			0
Freshman College Composition	53	Engl 1010 (CL)	3
German Language			0
History of the United States I: Early to 1877	50	Hist 2700 (BAI)	3
History of the United States II: 1865 to Present	50	Hist 2710 (BAI)	3
Human Growth and Development	53*	Psy 1100	3
Humanities	50	Elective Credit	3
Information Systems and Computer Applications			0
Introduction to Educational Psychology	53*	Psy 3660**	2
Introductory Business Law	62	MHR 2990	3
Introductory Psychology	55	Psy 1010 (BSS)	3
Introductory Sociology	55*	Soc 1010 (BSS)	3

Natural Sciences	50	Elective Credit	3
Principles of Accounting	TBA	TBA	TBA
CLEP Examination	Minimum Test Score	USU Equivalent	USU Credits Granted
Principles of Macroeconomics	53	Econ 1500 (BAI)	3
Principles of Management			0
Principles of Marketing	55*	BA 3500	3
Principles of Microeconomics	54	Econ 2010	3
Social Sciences and History	50	Elective Credit	3
Spanish Language			0
Trigonometry			0
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	50	Hist 1040 (BHU)	3
Western Civilization II: 1648 to the Present	50	Hist 1050 (BHU)	3

* The minimum score requirement for this exam is subject to change

**Students who plan to use Psy 3660 for teacher licensure should contact the teacher licensure office in Education 103, phone 797-1443, prior to making arrangements for the examination.

NOTE: AP and CLEP credit combined may cover a maximum of four Breadth areas for University Studies requirements.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Advanced Placement examinations are offered at the high school level only. A number of examination areas are available; not all high schools offer all available AP examinations. Generally, the major areas chosen include English, American history, mathematics, chemistry, and physics.

Examinations are scored on a one-to-five scale. Students may receive 4 or 8 credits for a composite score of 3, 4, or 5 on any Advanced Placement examination. Earned credit may

be applied toward the University Studies requirements. AP and CLEP credit combined may cover a maximum of four Breadth areas. This information is summarized below.

AP Score	USU Credits Granted
0, 1, or 2	0
3, 4, or 5	4 or 8

Advanced Placement (AP) USU Credit Allocation Table

AP Test	Score	USU Credit Awarded	Total Credits
Art: History	3-5	Art 2710 (BHU) (3) + Art 2720 (BHU) (3) + 2 elective credits	8
Art: Studio Drawing	3-4	Art 1110 (BCA) (3) + 5 elective credits	8
	5	Art 1110 (BCA) (3) + Art 1120 (BCA) (3) + 2 elective credits	8
Art: Studio General	3-4	Art 1120 (BCA) (3) + 5 elective credits	8
	5	Art 1120 (BCA) (3) + Art 1130 (3) + 2 elective credits	8
Biology	3-5	Biol 1010 (BLS) (3) + 5 elective credits	8

Chemistry	3-4	Chem 1210 (4) + 4 elective credits	8
	3-4	Chem 1010 (BPS) (3) + Chem 1110 (4) + 1 elective credit or Placement*	8
	5	Chem 1210 (4) + Chem 1220 (BPS) (4)	8
Computer Science A	3-5	CS 1050 (3) + 1 elective credit	4
AP Test	Score	USU Credit Awarded	Total Credits
Computer Science AB	3-5	CS 1010 (BPS) (3) + CS 1050 (3) + 2 elective credits	8
Economics: Macro	3-5	Econ 1500 (BAI) (3) + 1 elective credit	4
Economics: Micro	3-5	Econ 2010 (3) + 1 elective credit	4
English: Language & Comp.	3-5	Engl 1010 (CL) (3) + 5 elective credits	8
English: Literature & Comp.	3-5	Engl 1010 (CL) (3) + 3 (BHU) credits + 2 elective credits	8
Environmental Science	3-5	3 (BLS) credits + 1 elective credit	4
French Language	3-5	Fren 1010 (4) + Fren 1020 (4)	8
French Literature	3-5	8 elective credits	8
Geography (Human)	3-5	4 elective credits	4
German Language	3-5	Germ 1010 (4) + Germ 1020 (4)	8
Government & Politics: U.S.	3-5	PoIS 1100 (BAI) (3) + 1 elective credit	4
Government & Politics: Comparative	3-5	PoIS 2200 (BSS) (3) + 1 elective credit	4
History: United States	3-5	Hist 1700 (BAI) (3) + 5 elective credits	8
History: European	3-5	Hist 1050 (BHU) (3) + 5 elective credits	8
Latin: Catullus-Horace	3-4	Latn 1010 (5) + 3 elective credits	8
	5	Latn 1020 (5) + 3 elective credits	8
Latin: Virgil	3-4	Latn 1010 (5) + 3 elective credits	8
	5	Latn 1020 (5) + 3 elective credits	8
Mathematics: Calculus AB	3	3 (QL) credits + 5 elective credits	8
	4-5	Math 1210 (QL) (4) + 4 elective credits	8
Mathematics: Calculus BC	3-4	Math 1210 (QL) (4) + 4 elective credits	8
	5	Math 1210 (QL) (4) + Math 1220 (QL) (4)	8
Mathematics: Statistics	3-5	Stat 2000 (QI) (3) + 1 elective credit	4
Music: Listening	3-5	Musc 1010 (BCA) (3) + 5 elective credits	8
Music: Theory	3-5	Musc 1010 (BCA) (3) + 5 elective credits	8
Physics B	3	8 elective credits	8
	4-5	Phyx 2110 (4) or Phyx 2210 (QI) (4)** + 4 elective credits	8
Physics C: Mechanics	3-5	Phyx 2210 (QI) (4)	4
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	3	4 elective credits	4
	4-5	Phyx 2220 (QI) (4)	4
Psychology	3-5	Psy 1010 (BSS) (3) + 1 elective credit	4

Spanish Language	3-5	Span 1010 (4) + Span 1020 (4)	8
Spanish Literature	3-5	8 elective credits	8

* The student/advisor may choose the 1010 or 1210 track according to what best suits the student's major.

** The student/advisor may choose the 2110 or 2210 track according to what best suits the student's major.

NOTE: AP and CLEP credit combined may cover a maximum of four Breadth areas for University Studies requirements.

Placement Tests

Following is a list of areas offering placement tests.

a. English: ACT test scores may be used as a placement tool for recommending the level of courses to be taken. Students with an English ACT score of 16 or lower will be required to take English 0010.

An ACT English score of 29 or higher, or an SAT Verbal score of 640 or higher, will waive English 1010 and qualify a student for placement in English 2010 after the student has earned 30 credit hours.

b. Mathematics: The results of the ACT or SAT mathematics section, along with other pertinent information (high school coursework, etc.), are used as a basis for placing incoming freshmen students in the proper mathematics course as follows:

Placement in Mathematics and Statistics Courses

Course	Math ACT Score	Math SAT Score
Math 1010	18 or higher	440 or higher
Stat 1040	19 or higher	460 or higher
Math 1030	23 or higher	540 or higher
Math 1050	23 or higher	540 or higher
Math 1060	23 or higher	540 or higher
Math 1100	25 or higher	580 or higher
Math 2020	25 or higher	580 or higher
Math 1210	27 or higher	620 or higher

Regardless of previous record, a student may take any of the math placement tests up to twice per semester. Students should schedule an appointment in advance at the Testing Center, located in the University Inn, Room 115. A \$5.00 fee will be required for each test, and results will be known within a few minutes. There are three different tests for placement into:

- Math 1010
- Math 1030, 1050, 1060, or Stat 1040
- Math 1100, 1210, 2020, or Stat 2300

Generally, students who receive an ACT score of 17 or lower are advised to take the Math 1010 Placement Test to determine which entry-level course is needed. Based on the results of the test, Math 1010 or 0900 will be recommended. Math 0900 is a refresher course and has an additional fee. In addition, Math 0900 does not count for college credit.

c. TOEFL: The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of international students (from countries in which English is not the official language) for admission to the University. It is not used for granting credit nor for waiver of the communications literacy requirement. International undergraduate students are required to complete the Intensive English course unless they receive a score of 500/173 (computer) or higher on the TOEFL examination, or a Michigan score of 80.

d. Languages: Where basic skills in a language have been acquired by means other than college courses, up to 16 lower-division credits may be earned by special examination.

Students with skills in a language other than those offered by the department may earn up to 12 pass/fail credits by successfully performing on a special Language Department examination. However, these examinations are no longer offered at USU. Interested students must make arrangements to take one of these exams at Brigham Young University.

Students with skills in a language which is offered by the Languages and Philosophy Department may earn credit by successfully performing on an examination or by successfully completing an upper-division (3000-level or above) language course with a grade of *B* or better. Students should contact the Languages and Philosophy Department in Main 204, 797-1209.

Credit by Special Examination

Matriculated students may challenge a course for credit by taking a special examination available in the University Testing Center. The examination will survey knowledge of course content. University credit is awarded for examinations in courses the student has not already taken. Students will be required to pay a fee (standard recording fee and course-specific examination fee). The Testing Center has a listing of available special examinations. Application forms for permission to take special examinations are available in the Testing Center (University Inn 115, 797-1004). Language credits by special examination are initiated in the Department

of Languages and Philosophy.

Students who take a special examination will receive the exam grade posted to their transcript with a designation that it was earned by special examination. Credits earned through special examination cannot be used toward a graduate degree nor be used to meet the minimum USU course requirement.

Credit by Advanced Coursework (Language Credits)

Students who are proficient in a foreign language offered by Utah State University may earn lower-division credit through successfully passing a more advanced course. Applications for these credits should be made in the Department of Languages and Philosophy. Students will be required to pay a posting fee.

Students who receive credit by advanced coursework will receive a grade posted to their transcript with a designation that it was earned by advanced coursework. Credits earned through this option cannot be used to meet the minimum USU course requirement.

Credit by Departmental Examination

Matriculated students may challenge a course for credit by taking a departmental examination. Departments will determine if a course is appropriate for challenge; students should contact the instructor and/or department. If a challenge examination is available, the instructor should advise the student as to whether he or she has a reasonable chance of passing. The examination will survey knowledge of the course content and may include papers, projects, portfolios, etc.

Students challenging a course for which they are registered must do so within the first two weeks of the course. Students not registered will be required to pay a fee (standard recording fee and course-specific examination fee). Students who take a departmental examination will receive the exam grade posted to their transcript for that course. Credits earned through departmental examination may be used to meet the minimum USU course requirement.

Graduate and Professional School Testing

All graduate and professional exams are offered through USU Testing Services, University Inn 115, 797-1004. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

The most common graduate admission test, the GRE General, is a computer-based exam which measures verbal, quantitative, and analytical reasoning skills. Separate scores, ranging from 200 to 800, are reported in each of these three areas. The GRE is administered throughout the year on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, by appointment. Score reports arrive approximately three weeks after testing.

GRE Subject Tests

GRE Subject Tests are pencil and paper-based exams, administered just three times each year—November, December, and April. Relatively few students are required to take the GRE Subject Tests. The tests measure knowledge of specific subject areas, such as physics, computer science, or literature. These exams are generally taken only by students whose program requires a GRE Subject Test in addition to the GRE General Exam. Registration must be made through the test company five weeks in advance of the test date. Score reports arrive approximately four to six weeks after testing.

Miller Analogies Test (MAT)

Another common graduate admission exam, the MAT, does not have separate verbal, quantitative, and analytical sections. It is a 50-minute exam measuring an examinee's ability to solve 100 analogies on a wide range of topics. Because this exam does not report a separate quantitative score, the test is not widely accepted for programs which place emphasis on math skills. The MAT is given throughout the year on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m., by appointment. Score reports arrive approximately three weeks after testing.

Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)

The GMAT is for admission to business school. Similar to the GRE, the GMAT is a computer-based exam with separate verbal and quantitative sections. Unlike the GRE, the GMAT includes an analytical writing component. THE GMAT is administered throughout the year on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, by appointment. Score reports arrive approximately three weeks after testing.

Law School Admission Test (LSAT)

Used for law school admission, the LSAT measures an examinee's verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing skills. It is a pencil and paper-based test offered only four times yearly—October, December, February, and June. Examinees must register through the test company approximately five weeks in advance. Score reports arrive five weeks after testing.

Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)

The MCAT is a pencil and paper-based test used for admission to medical school. It is offered only twice

yearly—once in April and once in August. The MCAT measures verbal reasoning skills, biological and physical science knowledge, and analytical writing ability. Examinees must register through the test company five weeks in advance and can expect scores approximately 60 days after testing.